

IV. REMARKS

1. Claims 29 and 76 are amended. Claims 99, 100, 107 and 108 are cancelled without prejudice.

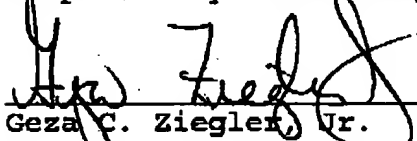
2. Claims 29 and 76 are amended to correct the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections and should now be allowable as noted by the Examiner. Claims 30-33 and 101-103 are dependent and should now also be allowable.

3. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowance of 1-9, 11-14, 34-61, 63, 77-98 and 104-106.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,


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